



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Blue Room Sorts Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-085404 and Forest Practices Application No. 2920758. This is a variable retention harvest of 102 acres in 3 units and 1 unit of Right-of-Way harvest approximately 1 acre in size, with 2,546 feet of road construction, 7,656 feet of pre-haul maintenance, and 1,506 feet of road abandonment.

**Description of mitigation:** The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 180 feet wide on type 3 streams have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.
- A total of 104 trees will be topped and left as snags. 52 of these trees will be created by the use of a mechanical faller, topping the tree at approximately 20 feet above the ground. 26 of these trees will be from the 28"+ dbh class, and will be girdled at stump height. The remaining 26 trees will also be from the 28"+ dbh class, and will be topped above the first live whorl of branches, approximately 60 feet above the ground.
- An existing culvert in a Type 3 stream will be removed following completion of the timber harvest. The section of road beyond this culvert will be abandoned.
- Cultural resources will be protected by a Site Protection Plan developed by the DNR's Agency Archeologist.

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources

**Location of proposal:** Sections 10 & 15, Township 10 North, Range 02 (West), W.M., approximately 6 miles by road, north of Castle Rock, off the EP-210 and EP-450 road systems in Cowlitz County, Washington.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[ ] There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from April 26, 2010. Comments must be submitted by May 10, 2010.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.